GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:644
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2003
INTRODUCTION OF MEDICAL COURSE
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government is authorised to introduce its own medical course in the State without obtaining approval of the Medical Council of India/All India Medical Education and to award medical degrees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken/being taken by the Government against the States doing so?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 644 FOR 07.5.2003

(a) to(c): No, Sir. As per the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, it is only the Central Government who can permit starting of new medical college, new or higher course of study or training in medicine (including a Post graduate course of Study or Training). The Government give such permission on the recommendation of the Medical Council of India.Similarly, any university or medical institution in India which grants medical qualification, not included in the First Schedule of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, has to apply to the Central Government for recognition of the qualification and the Central Government, after consulting the Medical Council of India, issues necessary notification for inclusion of such qualification in the First Schedule.